
Arrowhead News

Centre for Native Education

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The Spider's Web (continued)

Because the man had looked down, the basket had fallen out of the sky. The basket fell into a tree and the man and woman were caught in the branches. As they were unable to climb down, they decided to wait for someone to help them. Soon a moose walked by and the man called down to him. But the moose said: "I have hooves and therefore can not climb trees. I can not help you." So the man and the woman waited some more. Finally, a lynx walked by. The woman called to him. The lynx replied: "I am scared of heights. I can not help you." This, of course, was a lie, as the lynx is a very good climber. As the man and woman despaired of ever getting down, a bear suddenly appeared and they both called down to him for help. The bear said: "I can help you but I can not bring you both down at once. I will get my friend, Wolverine, to help me." And so the bear and the wolverine climbed the tree. The bear took the man on his back and carried him down. The wolverine took the woman but she was so afraid of him that, on the way down, she urinated. That is why, to this day, the wolverine has two yellow lines down his back. It is from carrying this woman who was afraid of wolverines. It is also why wolverines are lonely creatures that are rarely seen. They are ashamed of their new markings.

Christmas Pot-Luck

It's that time of the year once again when we hold our ever-popular Christmas potluck. Last year was a smashing success with over 65 people in attendance.



This year's potluck will be held on December 10 at noon. There will be a gift exchange of \$5 or less. However, you do not have to participate in the exchange to come to the party! As usual, children are always welcome.

Christmas Drive

For the second year in a row, the Centre for Native Education is collecting non-perishable food items, used toys and clothing for needy Native families. Last year's drive was an outstanding success as students' generous donations amounted to 7 large boxes' worth of goods!

If you have clothes that don't fit you or your children anymore; if there are toys your children are not playing with; if you would like to contribute to our food baskets, please drop by the Centre with your donations. Every little bit helps.

A Native Valedictorian

Huzza for Catherine Mattes, to our knowledge the very first Native valedictorian! Cathy will receive her M. A. in Art History at Fall Convocation. A supper in Cathy's honour will be held on November 20 at Mexicali Rosa's. Anyone wishing to congratulate Cathy in person can join us. Please RSVP by calling Manon at the Centre.

The Huron Carol is back!

Don't miss Tom Jackson and company as the Huron Carol brings another show to the Concordia concert hall on December 12, 1998. Tickets are available through Admissions outlets or in person through the Concordia Concert Hall. Tickets are \$23.50.

Michael Greyeyes at Concordia

The Centre for Native Education is proud to host renowned actor, dancer and choreographer Michael Greyeyes on Friday, January 15, 1999. Michael will give a lecture at the DeSeve Cinema at 7:00 pm. Come meet him in person at the Centre as we host a potluck lunch in his honour. No screaming prepubescent fans, please!!

For those of you who are not familiar with his work, check out his web site at <http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Boulevard/6090>. And don't forget to watch CBC's TV premiere of Big Bear on January 3 and 4 at 8:00 pm.

Mohawks rule!

And now, a word from StatsCNE. Did you know that there are 164 Native students at Concordia this semester (that we know of)? Of these students, 84 are Mohawk. There are also 23 Cree, 10 Micmac, 10 Inuit and 7 Metis students. Other Nations represented are Innu, Squamish, Huron, Dene, Coast Salish, Tuscarora, Lakota, Ojibwa, Algonquin, Abenaki, Shuswap and Naskapi.

Did you also know that out of these 164 students, 102 have come to the Centre at least once so far? If we don't count the 34 off campus students, there are only 28 students out there who have never checked us out. You know who you are. So what are you waiting for! Come find what you've been missing....

Graduating?

Now is the time to complete and submit your application for graduation next spring. Application forms are available at the Birks Student Services Centre (LB-185) and at the Dean of Students Office at Loyola (AD 121).

Cantilevers

Bridging people, ideas and resources for peace

Cantilevers is a publication which provides a global forum for the sharing of experiences, strategies and tools contributing to the development of theory and good practice cases about the transformation of conflict and

building peace. *Cantilevers* highlights the voices of youth leaders and members of historically marginalized groups.

Volume 6 of *Cantilevers* will deal with the identity dimension. They are presently looking for someone who would be interested in writing about his or her own experience as a Native person living in Quebec. Themes to be developed include: strategic responses from Native communities to development practices of Canadian and Quebec governments; what does self-determination mean to the Native peoples of Quebec and how does this relate to questions of development.

Interested in writing this article? Call Eric Abitbol at 842-0898.

Scholarships

Robert Markle Scholarship

To be awarded annually to a First Nations student in a visual arts programme. Amount: \$1200. Deadline for application: December 15.

Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Native Canadians

For journalism students only. Amount: \$4000. Deadline for application: December 31.

Royal Bank Native Student Awards

For students in disciplines relevant to the banking industry. Maximum amount: \$4000. Deadline for application: January 31, 1999.

For information on any or all of these scholarships, please contact Manon at the Centre for Native Education.

Classifieds

Apartment to sublet for January 1999. Share a furnished 4 1/2, \$340 all included. On Côte-des-Neiges and Sherbrooke near Concordia. For information, please call McGill's First Peoples' House at 398-3217.

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